

TEHAMA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL
&
WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF DECEMBER 19, 2000

Present: George Russell, Barbara McIver, Bill Borrer, Ross Turner. Absent: Charles Willard. Also present: Ernie Ohlin, Water Resources Manager, Roger Sherrill, TAC Chairperson, Gary Plunkett, Director of Public Works and Van Tenney of Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District..

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m.
2. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 2000 MINUTES: Motion by Director Turner and second by Director Borrer. Carried 4-0 with 1 absent.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT: Director Ross Turner thanked Ernie Ohlin for his assistance through the year dealing with drainage complaints in the Corning area.

Director Barbara McIver thanked Chairperson George Russell for a job well done as Chairman for the past year.

4. CLAIMS: Motion by Director Borrer and second by Director Turner to approve the claims as presented. Carried 4-0 with 1 absent.
5. TCFC&WCD BOARD MEETING DATES FOR THE YEAR 2001: November 27th meeting changed to the 20th, and December 25th meeting date changed to the 18th. All others as regularly scheduled. Motion by Director McIver and second by Director Turner to approve the dates. Carried 4-0 with 1 absent.
6. SITES RESERVOIR-JOINT MOU: County Counsel Nelson Buck addressed the Board stating that the Board of Supervisors requested Counsel review the MOU. Counsel found a number of concerns with regard to the MOU, but it was his conclusion that because of the narrowness of the definition found in 3.1 neither the County of Tehama nor the TCFC&WCD are empowered through the terms of the MOU to be a signatory under the concept of the local water interest.

Director McIver questioned what the level of participation should be.

VanTenney addressed Counsel by saying that while Counsel was correct in the way of his interpretation, Mr. Tenney did not believe that was the intent of the document to exclude the County or the District. Mr. Tenney felt support was what was intended and needed to be successful. With regard to area of origin, it is critical to be at the table to represent your organizations views, operations or other elements that give the county certain interest in Sites development. Mr. Tenney suggested Counsel put in writing his findings for resubmittal to his group.

Director Borrer added that resolution of two issues may help the District and County to become signatories. 1). Our district is empowered to be a water supplier, but currently we are not supplying water. 2). Counties involved should have AB 3030 Plans and be regulators of groundwater. Even though the County may not currently be a supplier of water, the County has that regulatory function in groundwater.

Nelson Buck added, that the concept that the TCFC&WCD could provide water, but currently does not, Counsel felt that from a governmental analysis point of view, not enabling counties in their regulatory capacity to be at the table is perhaps an unfortunate oversight.

Director McIver moved that the TCFC&WCD request Counsel to develop possible language that the parties would consider as an amendment/modification of the M.O.U document to include public entities with regulatory authority.

Counsel added it could include as two different and independent concepts, certainly counties and cities, but stated in a generic manner as those entities which under the California State Law have regulatory jurisdiction and additionally to that concept, would be the independent concept that existing governmental entities that are empowered to provide water should at least be extended the opportunity to elect to participate. The Flood Control and Water Conservation Districts powers are broader than possibly any of the individual water district powers in providing water.

Chairman Russell asked for the motion to be reviewed. The final amended version of the motion was "TCFC&WCD request Counsel develop draft language for amendment or modification to the Sites Reservoir MOU Section 3.0 et seq., subject to review by Director Borrer and Director Willard, to be submitted to DWR, to allow full participation of certain public entities."

Motion seconded by Director Turner. Carried 4-0 with 1 absent.

7. AB 3030 TAC UPDATE: Roger Sherrill presented information regarding the discussion of funding at the AB3030 TAC meeting. Mark Meeks (Prop 13) and Mark Gowen (Calfed) have been invited to give a presentation to the AB3030 TAC on current funding ability. Other issues discussed: Prioritization of 2001 agenda for the TAC; Discussion of Groundwater management, zone advisories, well monitoring and MOU's from other agencies. Public relations was also discussed to inform those interested in the TAC issues. Volunteer involvement in the TAC will be discussed at the next meeting.

Chairman Russell thanked Roger Sherrill for his ongoing participation and effort in the TAC.

8. PROPOSITION 13 FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES: Ernie Ohlin informed the Board of Staff's participation in a seminar regarding Prop. 13 watershed funding held in Sacramento. A meeting was also held with Chico State University, DWR, and Fish & Game to discuss issues of funding opportunities available. AB303 funding should become available in March and staff will continue to work with Mark Meeks.

9. CALFED UPDATE: Ernie Ohlin discussed the upcoming Northern Sacramento Valley Water Forum on local partnerships and those participating. Staff felt it important that Calfed understand that partnerships built from a local basis, input and control are the ones succeeding. Staff invited the TCFC&WCD Board to attend the forum to be held at the Heidrich Ag Center in Woodland on January 25, 2001 at 1:00 P.M.

Ernie discussed the Chico State/Calfed Arundo Donax Application. The Grant Application from Chico State is \$1.5k and Calfed has offered to fund approximately \$360,000 of that which will only entail aerial photography. This is still in negotiations. Staff appreciated the Board of Supervisors matching money for the grant application of Vickie Dawley at the Tehama County RCD. The Calfed Arundo Donax Grant has not been approved as of yet.

10. ADJOURN: With no further business the Board extended holiday greetings to all and adjourned at 9:19 a.m.

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